

Secaucus Public Library and Business Resource Center

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SPL Newsletter

Fall 2011

Library Hours

Monday - Friday
9:00 am - 9:00 pm

Saturday
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sunday
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Upcoming Closings

Monday, October 10
Columbus Day - Closed

Tuesday, November 8
Election Day - Closed

Friday, November 11
Veterans' Day - Closed

Thursday, November 24
Friday, November 25
Thanksgiving - Closed

Saturday, Sunday, Monday,
December 24, 25, 26
Christmas - Closed

SPOOKY OCTOBER PICKS



MURDER MYSTERY

Friday, October 21st 7-10pm

With Don Evanson of the Secaucus Spectator
Teams of two will try to solve ten mystery clues
in record time and solve a murder mystery.
Teams that dress up as mystery detectives get
extra points! Party afterwards! Trophies awarded!

Meet the Author!

GHOSTHUNTING IN NJ & NYC

with author and paranormal
investigator L'Aura Hladik

Tuesday, October 25, 7pm

Learn about NJ's and NYC's top haunted hot spots!

Highlights include: Spy House, Proprietary House,
Stanhope House, Manhattan Bistro,
Morris-Jumel Museum, Palace Theater, and more.

Ages 15 and up (under 15 must have a parent or guardian present)



SPOOKY SUGGESTIONS

The Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern

The Case of the Man Who Died Laughing by Tarquin Hall

The Ballad of Tom Dooley by Sharyn McCrumb

Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

The Stranger You Seek by Amanda Kyle Williams

Ghost Story by Jim Butcher

The Witch of Portobello by Paulo Coehlo

The Omen Machine by Terry Goodkind

Death in the City of Light by David King

Ghost in the Wires by Kevin Mitnick

Free Museum Passes

Take a fun and cultural family outing! Page 2

Concerts, Culture, and Community

Right here -- forget the bridge or tunnel trip! Pages 3-4

Kids, Tweens, Teens!

SPL has Activities for All Ages! Pages 5-6

More Upcoming Events!

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Antique Appraisals

Saturday, November 5th 12– 3pm

Bring two items to have appraised by accredited antique appraisal experts. Get a verbal appraisal on the worth of your treasures. Some examples of items to bring include: art, jewelry, furniture, decorative items.

*Please be aware that no books, stamps, coins will be evaluated.

Suggested donation of \$10.

Hypnosis to Quit Smoking

Thursday, November 10th 7– 9pm

In preparation for the Great American Smokeout (November 17th), Rosemarie Volpone will present simple self-hypnosis techniques to guide and encourage you to stop smoking cigarettes.

Tibetan Art Lecture and Presentation

Wednesday, November 30th 7-8pm

The Newark Museum Speakers Bureau will discuss its collection of Tibetan Art and artifacts.

The lecture will cover the people of Tibet and their daily life and dress. A brief explanation of the Buddhist religion and its significance in Tibetan art will be included, featuring beautiful sculptures and thangkas of the gods, deities, and revered lamas of the religion. The Newark Museum owns one of the most important collections of Tibetan art and artifacts in the world.

Board of Trustees' Meetings

Open to the public.

Upcoming meetings:

Tuesday, October 18th, November 15th,
December 20th, 7:00 pm

Board of Trustees:

Ralph Del Piano, President

Joan Millevoi, Vice President

Dr. Robert Berckes, Secretary

Michael Pesci, Treasurer

Patricia Guma

Joseph Kane

Ada Rodriguez

Orietta Tringali

Jacqueline Tuzzio

Mayor Michael Gonnelli

Superintendent of Schools Cynthia Randina

Jenifer May, Director

SPL STATS

\$613

average value of items
checked out per person in 2010

159, 764

total items checked out
in 2010



Please recycle this newsletter.

News and Announcements

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Congratulations to 2011's Friends of the Library Mini-Fair Winners!

Fair Share Raffle Winners

- 1st Prize – Tina Shahani..... \$1,086.25
2nd Prize – Donald Meyer..... \$651.75
3rd Prize – Shawn Moss..... \$434.50

Baking Contest Winners

Best in Show – Jessica Santos
Patriotic 9/11 Cake

Best Cheesecake – Simran Rajani
Strawberry Cheesecake

Best Cake – Carol Ann Scheiner
Crumb Cake

Best Pie – Eleanor Halecki
Blueberries & Cream

Best Cookie/Bar/Cupcake – Devanshi Parikh
Double Layered Brownie Swirl Bars

Best Miscellaneous – Lorraine Frank
Big Espresso Chocolate Chip Cookie

Do we have your most up-to-date info?

Check to see if we have
your current address, phone number,
and email address.

Set up a PIN number
so you can access your account online
and renew items or order materials
from over 70 BCCLS libraries!

For additional information, newly-added events and other updates,
please check the SPL website (Secaucus.bccls.org) or Bulletin Boards in the lobby.

Lobby Display

*If you have a collection you would like to
display at the library,
please contact the Office of the Director.*

October

*Celebrating Italian Heritage Month
Unico (Inside lobby)*

*In Recognition of Fire Prevention Month
Fire Department (Outer lobby)*

November

*Needlework and Crochet
Maria Giambona*

December

TBA

Panasonic Room Art Gallery

*If you are an artist who would like to
exhibit your work at the library,
please contact the Office of the Director.*

October

Sorry, no display

November

Children's Art Show

**Please see page 5 for details*

December

*Sue Protz
Comic art*

January

*George Krieger
Modern art paintings*



I Didn't Know the Library Has That!

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Outreach Program

SPL is happy to deliver materials to any homebound Secaucus resident who holds a valid library card, but is unable to visit the library in person because of physical limitations. SPL's Outreach Program provides for the delivery and return of books, audio books, magazines, VHS and DVD movies, and CDs. If this service could be beneficial to you or someone you know, please call and ask for Lee.

Foreign Language Collection

SPL has a constantly expanding Foreign Language Collection, including:
Books for adults in Gujarati, Hindi, Korean, Russian, Spanish; Books for children in Chinese, French, German, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Russian, Spanish
A Foreign Language DVD Collection, all DVDs with yellow stickers;
Learn or practice new languages on SPL's website using Mango languages

Charity Drop Boxes

Drop boxes are located in the Community Resource Area.

Charity: Ronald McDonald House

Collects: Aluminum can pull tabs

Helps defer costs of families staying at the Ronald McDonald House, which provides temporary housing for terminally ill pediatric patients and their families.

Charity: Cell Phones for Soldiers

Collects: Used cell phones (with chargers)

This recycling program helps our armed forces stay in contact with their families while overseas.

Color printing
now available!

Services Available

Printing:

Black and white (\$0.15/page) or color (\$0.50/page)
now from any computer in the adult section of the library

Self-service copiers:

Black and white (\$0.15/page) or color (\$0.50/page)

Fax:

To or from the library

Always free cover sheet, we provide or BYO

Received faxes (\$1/page)

To in-state or toll-free numbers (1-800, 855, 866, 877, 888):
(\$2/first page + \$1/each additional page)

To out-of-state numbers: (\$3/first page + \$2/each additional page)

FREE

Museum Admission for Families!

American Museum of Natural History

Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum

Guggenheim & Brooklyn Museums*

*(one pass with access to both)

Secaucus residents can visit FREE with a library family pass.

The pass is available through first come, first served reservations.

Pass permits group of 6. You must be at least 18 years old and hold a Secaucus Library card in good standing to use the pass.

A deposit is required.

For more information, or for reservations, call or see reference desk

Donated by the Friends of the Secaucus Library

Open Borrowing

Access 150+ public libraries in northern NJ – **over 10 million items!**

Get your Open Borrowing sticker now!

For more info and list of participating libraries: openborrowing.org

For Sale

Reusable SPL Tote Bags:
(\$2 each)

USB Flash drives:
(\$8 each)

Head phones:
(\$2 each)

Internet:
4 hours for residents
2 hour guest passes for \$1
Wi-Fi in Adult Section

Upcoming Events

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Please be aware that registration for **all** events through the month of October is **required**; October programs are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

Korean Yoga

Tuesday, October 11th 7:30 pm

Upon returning from a yoga meditation tour in South Korea this past summer, Adele will share her experiences through a short history of Korean Yoga and an easy to learn meditation technique. All are welcome.



Project Linus

Wednesday, October 12th 7-8 pm

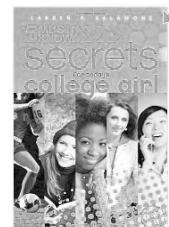
Project Linus' local chapter welcomes volunteers to make blankets in a rewarding and fun service opportunity. Handmade blankets provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need. Donations of blankets and materials are also welcome.

Chapter coordinator: Liz Zawacki.

Author Visit! Lauren P. Salamone's 5 Must Know Secrets for Today's College Girl

Thursday, October 13th 7 pm

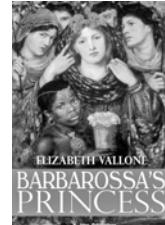
Salamone shares the secrets that have already catapulted countless college girls to a new level of confidence and success and empowers girls to tap into and expand their innate core gifts, easily overcome obstacles, and skillfully achieve their goals while enjoying every step of their journey through college life. Parents also welcomed to attend!



Author Visit! Elizabeth P. Vallone discusses her latest historical novel Barbarossa's Princess

Wednesday, October 19th 7:30–8:30 pm

Vallone explores a side of Italy few know, weaving a tale of intrigue, violence, lust, love, and ultimate triumph into a tapestry of the customs of the Holy Roman Empire, the Norman-Sicilian Court and mores of life in the 12th century.



African Art Lecture and Presentation

Thursday, October 27th 7–8 pm

Vera Lasser, of the Newark Museum Speakers Bureau, will be giving a presentation exploring a variety of African Art. Spectacular examples include gold jewelry from Zanzibar, a looming Epa Masquerade, headdress from Nigeria, intricate weaving of Sub-Sahara and contemporary African Art. New Jersey's Newark Museum has one of the most extensive and oldest collections of African Art in the Nation, and is the only museum in the country with a gallery devoted to a permanent collection of contemporary African Art.

*Attendees receive a free six month pass to Newark Museum!

Writing Workshop

Monday, October 24th 7–8 pm

Local Resident Carol Ellison is an award-winning technology writer who has also worked as a magazine editor, journalist, professor (at Rutgers and NJIT) and business writing consultant.

She will be talking about her most recent book, McGraw-Hill's Concise Guide to Writing Research Papers, and will be offering tips and advice for students in college or preparing to attend college or graduate school.

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Ongoing Programs

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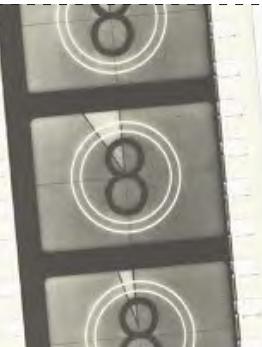
Afternoon Book Discussion Groups

Meet for an informal discussion of a different book each month.

The library will supply the copies of the selected book.

Ask at the front desk for the current title.

Meets the second Monday of the month at 1:00 pm



Tuesday Movies

Each Tuesday, 1 pm

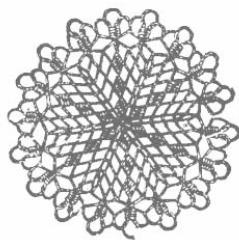
Join us each week for new movies!

For adults because residents
refreshments will be served.

Please call for more information.
Check our website or local papers
for upcoming films.

**OUR GROUPS ARE ALWAYS
SEEKING NEW MEMBERS!**

*No meeting
in November.



Needleworkers Round Table

Bring your knitting, crocheting,
embroidering, quilting, and needlepoint projects!

Share your work and enjoy good conversation

Meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm

Facilitator: Mary Ellen Aluotto



New! Open Mic
Poetry and Acoustics
See info on Page 6



Photography Club

Any level of
experience welcome!
Bring work to class.

**Meets the fourth Wednesday
of each month at 6:30 pm**

Coordinator: Harmon Kaplan



**Children and Adults with
Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder**
Local chapter meets

the third Monday of each month, 7pm-8pm

For more information, see the website: chadd.org

Upcoming dates: October 17, November 21, December 19

Computer Workshops for Seniors

Learn how to:

Use a mouse -- Search the internet -- Set up an E-mail address

Second Tuesday of each month 3:30-4:15 pm

Upcoming dates: October 11th , December 13th *No meeting in November.

Basic computer and Internet skills for residents seeking improvement; Secaucus Middle and High School student volunteers from SAIL (Service Activities Involvement and Leadership) will be here to assist you in a **one-on-one tutoring** environment.

Registration is required, please call the library at 201-330-2083.



Upcoming Events for Kids and Teens

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November is Children's Art Month!

Secaucus children in Pre-K to 12th grade are invited to exhibit their art through November. All types of art welcome, including paintings, drawings, photography, sculptures, crafts, etc.

All pictures and photographs must be framed or mounted when brought to the library.

The name grade and phone number of the child must be on the BACK of the submission.

Please drop off work to the children's department before November 1st.

Prizes will be awarded in the following grade categories:

Pre-K and Kindergarten - 1st to 3rd grade - 4th to 6th grade -

7th to 9th grade - 10th to 12th grade.

Time and date of award ceremony will be announced at a later date.



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City Wind Trio presents "Folk Songs from Around the World"

Tuesday, October 18th 3:30-5pm

Ages 5 and up. A live performance of the great folk songs from around the world, including American, European, Mexican, German, Greek, and Japanese songs and a very interactive program with movement games, literature, art projects, and children will have the opportunity to play with the musical instruments.

African Clay Masks

Wednesday, November 9th 11am

Ages 5 and up -- Registration required.

This dynamic workshop, instructed by Ivy Omere, is an introduction to and a celebration of West African culture where students gain insight into African culture while honing and discovering their own unique creative skills and talents through the creation, design and decoration of his/her very own clay mask.

Author visit! Blaze Kelly Coyle and Andrew Romano, authors of *The Most Well-Travelled Squirrel in the Whole Wide World*

Thursday, November 17th 10am

Hear all about the adventures of Tommy the Squirrel at this book reading and signing!



Writing Contest!

Write to win GIANTS GAME TICKETS!

Giants Vs. Cowboys January 1, 2012 at MetLife Stadium

Contest open to any high school student residing in Secaucus.



Must be submitted by 4pm on Tuesday, November 15th. Fiction and nonfiction short stories accepted.

Entries must be typed, pages numbered and stapled. Minimum 500 words - maximum 2,000 words.

Include full name, address, telephone number, and grade on the back of the last page.

For any questions or additional information, the Children's Dept. can be reached by calling 201-330-2085

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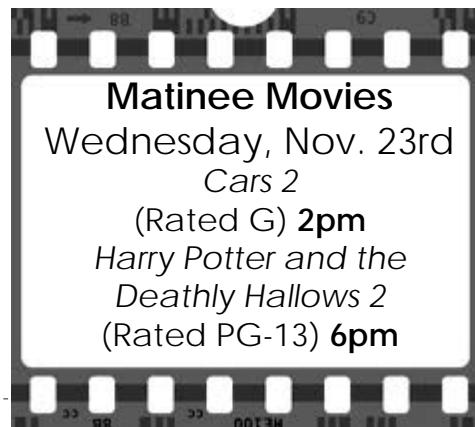
Mondays

Crafty Tweens

Meets the third Monday of each month 3:30-5pm

Creative unique and easy crafts on your own.

- Oct. 17th:** Rubber band bracelets **Nov. 21:** T-shirt scarves
(bring a stretch cotton t-shirt that can be destroyed)
Dec. 19: Plastic bottle lid art (bring 12 plastic bottle lids)
Ages 8-12. -- No registration required.



Tuesdays

Spanish Story Time

Tuesdays starting October 4th 4:30-5:15pm *No session on October 18th.

Ages 3-5, no prior experience is necessary. Come to listen and learn!

Paula Tropeano presents stories, songs, and vocabulary lessons in Spanish.

Wednesdays

New! Kids Book Clubs

October 5th – December 7th

First Wednesday of each month

Book Worms

Grades 2-3

4-4:30pm

Children read a book of their choice.

Book Buddies

Grades 4-5

6:30 - 7pm

Children all read the same book.
Secure a copy at the children's desk.

TAB – Teen Advisory Board

Meets third Wednesday of each month 6:30-7:30pm

Upcoming meetings: October 19th, November 16th, December 21st

Teens in grades 6-12 are welcomed to express their ideas about programs, special events and materials within the library.

Thursdays

Chess Club - Back by popular demand!

Second Thursday of each month 3:30-4:30pm



Upcoming meetings: October 13th, November 10th, December 8th

Children ages 5 and up. Children under 6 must have a parent present.

Shawn Moss will teach you the game of chess.

Teen Tech Club

4-5pm on Thursdays October 6th, 20th, November 3rd, 17th, December 1st, 22nd

Learn basic website publication and animation. Projects include simple photo edits,

HTML coding, how to start a blog, and short animations.

Ages 8-12 -- Registration is required. -- Basic computer skills are required.



Open Mic

Thursdays October 27th 7:30pm, November 17th, December 8th

For teens (over 15) and adults.

Share poetry! Acoustic performances welcome! Time frame of 5 minutes per set.

